(5) financially sound, and also create a corpus fund as prescribed by the UGC.

Universities under Section 2 (f) of the UGC act, 1956 as well as those institutions declared as 'deemed to be universities' under Section 3 of the said Act, enjoy similar academic powers of teaching, research and examination, and conferral of degrees or other awards, however, only universities' created by legislatures can affiliate colleges and institutions 'deemed to be universities' can have their constituent units under certain conditions specified by the UGC. All universities created by legislatures, as well as institutions declared as 'deemed to be universities' are required to maintain standards of education, as prescribed by relevant laws.

Since Institutions are declared as 'deemed to be universities' under a Central Act, regulation of fee and academic matters are under the purview of Acts of Parliament, and not under laws enacted by State Legislatures.

The University Grants Commission has no proposal for prescribing uniform fee or course structure for all deemed universities.

Withdrawal of subsidy on power in **Delhi**

*108. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to withdraw the subsidy on power in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that private companies are selling the power at double of its cost in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. According to the Government of NCT of Delhi, in view of the Civil Appeal No. 2733/2006, DERC *vs* BRPL & Ors., *sub-judice* before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the subsidy has been extended for further two months or till announcement of tariff by DERC for 2006-07 whichever is earlier.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Bulk Supply Tariff charged by Delhi. TRANSCO Ltd. to discoms and Retail Supply Tariff charged by discoms to consumers are determined by DERC u/s 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Vacancies in NALCO

†*109. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director (C.M.D.) and certain post of Directors are vacant in National Aluminium Company (NALCO) situated in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when these posts would be filled;

(c) whether the Company will suffer losses due to uncertainty on the post of C.M.D. and Directors; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures with Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes , Sir.

(b) The vacancy of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has arisen consequent upon order of removal from service of Shri C. Venkataramana issued on 29.5.2006. However, in view of injunction granted by Delhi High Court, the order dated 29.5.2006 issued by the Government has been kept in abeyance. For two other vacancies, i.e., Director (Finance) and Director (Production), Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has given its recommendations in respect of the candidates and the same are under process for appointment.

(c) and (d) The in-charge arrangements have been made for the vacant posts, hence, no loss is apprehended to the Company.

Supply of fuel to Dabhol Power Plant

*110. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.